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CITY PLANS REPAIRS FOR KINPLEX II ROOF

Medicine Hat – The entire roof of the Kinplex II arena will be replaced following extensive damage during the Aug. 10 storm.

A portion of the metal clad roofing was torn off by high winds during the storm. However, inspections of the roof have determined that the remaining metal clad roofing sustained damage to warrant full replacement.

In total, 1,800 square metres (20,000 square feet) of metal clad roofing and 540 square metres (6,000 square feet) of insulation will be replaced.

The cost of the repairs is estimated at \$165,000. The work will begin as soon as materials arrive.

In order to accommodate user groups while Kinplex II is closed for repairs, Kinplex I will open Sept. 4-9, followed by the Hockey Hounds Recreation Centre on Sept. 10. All user groups will be notified of their schedule changes.

The Kinplex arena roof was inspected in the spring as part of the City's annual roof maintenance program and no deficiencies were detected.

No one was in the Kinplex building when the roof damage occurred. The building will remain closed until further notice.

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